

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): An apparatus for handling grape material—~~including comprising:~~
a support structure;
a receptacle configured to contain~~for containing~~ a grape material, the receptacle comprising:
having an a top opening at one an upper end of the receptacle;
a lower outlet at a lower end of the receptacle; and
a screen in a lower section of the receptacle,
wherein the receptacle is and being rotatable, about a pivotal connection, with
respect to the support structure; and
an actuator for rotating the receptacle in a controlled manner from an upright position
in which a ~~grape material~~ fluid may be contained in the receptacle to a tipped
position in which the contents of the receptacle may be emptied via the top
opening.
2. (currently amended): An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 1, wherein the
receptacle includes a collar that is pivotally connected to the support structure and wherein
the actuator rotates the collar with respect to the support structure.
3. (previously presented): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
actuator is an hydraulic actuator.
4. (currently amended): An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, claim 2, wherein
the actuator comprises a pair of ~~ram~~ rams provided on either side of the receptacle, and
wherein each ram is connected at one end to the support structure and ~~at the other~~ another end
to the receptacle at a point away from the pivotal connection.
5. (currently amended): An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 4, wherein the
hydraulic rams are connected to the collar.

6. (currently amended): An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the support structure supports a plurality of receptacles, and wherein each receptacle is configured to tip their contents into a common region.

7. (currently amended): An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 6~~ claim 6, wherein a pair of receptacles are provided in an opposing configuration, and wherein the receptacles are configured to and empty their contents into a region between the two receptacles.

8. (currently amended): A method of ~~supplying~~ processing bulk quantities of grape material ~~comprising from a bulk receptacle to a receiving receptacle including the steps of:~~

- i) ~~supplying grape material to the a bulk receptacle; and~~
- ii) ~~actuating an actuator which tilts the bulk receptacle relative to the support frame in a controlled manner to deliver the grape material directly or indirectly to a receiving receptacle~~
- ii) allowing juice to flow from the grape material;
- iii) extracting the juice from the bulk receptacle via a lower outlet in the bulk receptacle;
- iv) tipping the bulk receptacle; and
- v) ejecting the remaining grape material through a top opening in the bulk receptacle for further processing.

9. (currently amended): A method as claimed in ~~claim 8~~ claim 8, wherein the bulk receptacle is tilted in a ~~number of steps~~ controlled manner in order to supply grape material to ~~the a~~ a receiving receptacle at a desired rate.

10. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein a plurality of bulk receptacles are employed and grape material is sequentially supplied from each bulk receptacle for further processing ~~to supply grape material to the receiving receptacle.~~

11. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the grape material ejected from the receptacle is further processed in ~~receiving receptacle~~ is a press.

12. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 8, ~~wherein the receiving receptacle is a conveyor~~ wherein the bulk receptacle includes a screen dividing the receptacle into upper and lower sections.

13. – 22. (canceled)

23. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lower outlet is below the screen when the receptacle is in the upright position.

24. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receptacle tapers toward the top opening.